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At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held at Prince Albert on the 19th and 20th days of June, A.L. 5912 and A.D. 1912, a committee consisting of Most Worshipful Bros. H. H. Campkin, Leonard Morris, W.B. Tate, G. B. Murphy and A. S. Gorrell, Right Worshipful Bros. W. B. Willoughby, W. M. Thomson, E. W. Millar and F. G. Lewin was appointed to revise the Constitution.

The committee brought in a report at a special communication of Grand Lodge held at the City of Regina on the 24th and 25th days of April, A.L. 5913 and A.D. 1913, which was adopted and to come into effect immediately at the close of the annual communication of Grand Lodge to be held on the third Wednesday of June, A.L. 5913 and A.D. 1913.

Grand Lodge having resolved that a new edition of the Book of Constitution with all necessary corrections and alterations thereof made by Grand Lodge be forthwith printed; the Grand Secretary

has in accordance with that resolution superintended the publication of this edition including all corrections and alterations to the present time.

*J. W. Shaw*

*Grand Secretary.*



Grand Secretary's Office,  
Regina, Sask, June 2, 1913.

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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## GRAND LODGE.

### TITLE AND SEAL.

1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be "Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

2. The following is a representation of the seal of Grand Lodge.



## COMPOSITION.

3. Grand Lodge shall consist of its Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, the Past Masters Masters and Wardens of all chartered Lodges under its jurisdiction, and Past Masters affiliated prior to May 15, 1911.

4. A brother shall not be permitted to attend the annual communication of Grand Lodge, as Master, Past Master or Warden until his name as such shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary's office.

5. Every member of Grand Lodge must be a member of a constituent Lodge except Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters of this jurisdiction (who are members of the Grand Lodge for life) and honorary members especially elected by Grand Lodge.

6. Grand Lodge may on motion constitute any brother of eminence and ability hailing from a foreign jurisdiction, and who has rendered service to the Craft, an honorary member of Grand Lodge with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, and may in like manner in recognition of eminence and ability and services rendered confer upon its own members such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate; provided that in either case the rank conferred shall not be above that of Past Grand Senior Warden. Notice of motion to confer such rank must be sent in writing to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of April preceding the annual communication; and the vote in favor of the motion must be unanimous.

**INHERENT POWER AND AUTHORITY.**

7. The Grand Lodge is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in the Province of Saskatchewan, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government, limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Craft, and by the provisions of its own constitution and regulations.

8. Grand Lodge alone can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion, and such restoration shall entitle him to a certificate of good standing in the Craft as a nonaffiliate.

9. Grand Lodge alone can withdraw the warrant of a Lodge and erase the same.

**OFFICERS.**

10. The officers of Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed.

The elective officers are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Tyler.

The appointed officers are the District Deputy Grand Masters (one for each Masonic District), the Grand Chaplain, Grand Deacons, Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Stewards, Grand Pursuivant.

**RANK AND TITLE.**

11. The Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and members shall be entitled to rank and precedence as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters

The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters according to number of district.

The Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Senior Wardens.

The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Junior Wardens.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.

The Right Worshipful Grand Registrar.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Registrars.

The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Chaplains.

The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Senior Deacons

The Very Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Junior Deacons.

The Very Worshipful Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Superintendents of Works.

The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Organists.

The Very Worshipful Grand Stewards.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Stewards.

The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Pursuivants.

The Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of all constituent Lodges in the order of the number of their respective Lodge charters.

The Grand Tyler.

12. No brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in Grand Lodge unless he is a Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, and no brother can rank as a Past Master of such Lodge until he has served a full Masonic year as Master. District Deputy Grand Masters shall not be entitled to past rank unless specially recommended for the honour by the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and the recommendation adopted by Grand Lodge.

13. A Past Master of a Lodge in this jurisdiction who has been duly registered in the books of Grand Lodge and who affiliates with any other Lodge is entitled to his rank according to seniority both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with which he affiliates.

#### REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE.

14. The Master and Wardens of a chartered Lodge are *ex officio* entitled to represent it in Grand Lodge. Should they be unable to attend any communication thereof the Lodge may, by its vote, properly certified by the Master and Secretary under its seal, delegate any Past Master of said Lodge to represent it. No proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Master and Secretary. No brother can represent more than one Lodge.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

15. The annual communication of Grand Lodge shall be held on the third Wednesday of June at such place as shall have been decided upon by a majority vote, which vote shall be taken immediately before the election of officers at the preceding annual communication of Grand Lodge.

16. The Grand Master may also convene and hold special communications of Grand Lodge whenever the good of the craft shall in his opinion require it; the particular reason for convening such special communication shall be expressed in the notice, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

17. Only members of Grand Lodge can attend these communications without permission of the Grand Master; and on no pretext shall a visitor speak to any question unless requested to do so by the Grand Master; nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

18. The representatives of three lodges at the annual communication, or at a special communication convened on due notice to all Lodges, shall be indispensably necessary to open Grand Lodge or transact business therein; except on occasions of ceremony when the Grand Master or his representative, with a sufficient number of brethren to fill the stations, may open Grand Lodge and perform the ceremony for which it is called.

19. In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior Warden in succession shall assume his prerogatives and duties for all purposes save as excepted in the following section.

20. In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master any communication of Grand Lodge shall be presided over by the next immediate Past Grand Master in attendance or in the absence of a Past Grand Master by the Grand Officer of highest rank then present.

21. The powers of any "pro tempore" presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

22. No brother below the rank of Past Grand Master shall assume the throne though he be entitled to rule Grand Lodge.

#### RULES OF BUSINESS.

23. The Grand Master having taken the Throne and opened Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business at the first session of the annual communication.

I. Confirming minutes of previous communications.

II. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address.

III. Reading correspondence, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

IV. Receiving the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and referring them to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

V. Reading the report of the Grand Treasurer and referring it to the Committee on Finance.

VI. Reading the report of the Grand Secretary and referring it to the Committee on Finance.

VII. Reading the report of the Credential Committee.

VIII. Reading the report of the Board of General Purposes.

IX. Reading the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board and dealing therewith in the order specified in section 84.

X. Reading the report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund.

XI. Motions in their order.

XII. Notices of motion.

At all other sessions of Grand Lodge the order of business shall be:

I. Reading correspondence, petitions, appeals, etc.

II. Unfinished business from previous session.

III. Consideration of further reports of the Standing Committees of the Board of General Purposes.

IV. Presentation of reports of Special Committees.

V. Motions.

VI. General business.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each session, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-third vote of Grand Lodge and not otherwise.

24. All motions before being put to Grand Lodge shall be reduced to writing and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

25. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

26. A brother when speaking, shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, and no brother shall presume to interrupt



him except to address the Grand Master on a point of order; or the Grand Master may call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

27. Should a brother be twice called to order at the same meeting, and again offend, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave Grand Lodge for that communication.

28. The constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any annual communication thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that no amendment shall be entertained without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary four months previous to the annual communication and a copy of such proposed amendment or alteration sent by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge at least three months previous to said communication. Any amendment to the constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge shall not be reconsidered at any time within five years after such rejection, except leave be given by Grand Lodge by a two-thirds vote, such vote to be taken without debate.

#### VOTING.

29. All questions coming before Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of the voters present and voting, excepting only the election of officers and all matters relating to the trust funds of Grand Lodge. In the event of a tie the presiding officer shall have a casting vote.

30. In the election of officers, which vote shall be taken by ballot and a majority of all votes cast

shall be necessary to a choice, every member (other than the Master and Wardens of Lodges and proxies as afore provided) shall be entitled to one vote.

If the Master and both Wardens of a Lodge be present, each shall be entitled to one vote.

If the Master and only one Warden of a Lodge be present, the Master shall be entitled to two votes and the Warden to one vote.

If the Master of a Lodge only be present he shall be entitled to three votes.

If both Wardens of a Lodge be present without the Master, the Senior Warden shall be entitled to two votes and the Junior Warden to one vote.

If one Warden of a Lodge only be present he shall be entitled to three votes.

If neither the Master nor either of the Wardens of a Lodge attend, and a proxy be appointed as afore provided, he shall be entitled to three votes in addition to his own.

31. Ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary indicating the number of votes cast with each ballot and under no circumstances shall a brother deposit more than one ballot paper.

32. In the election of trustees and in votes concerning all matters touching the trust funds of Grand Lodge the vote shall be taken as provided for in section 30.

33. No vote affecting the trust funds of Grand Lodge shall be taken at any communication unless notice of such motion shall have been given at a previous session of that communication.

## ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

34. The elective officers shall be chosen at each annual communication of Grand Lodge (at an hour to be named by the Grand Master at the first session of the same) and those present shall be duly installed or invested before the close of said communication and shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly chosen and installed or invested.

35. No brother is qualified to hold any office in Grand Lodge (except that of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge and is at the time of his election or appointment a member of this Grand Lodge.

36. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by ballot without nomination. The Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Registrar shall be elected by ballot after nomination. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by open vote. All the other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master after his installation.

37. Before proceeding with the election of officers the Grand Master shall appoint three or more scrutineers to take charge of the ballot and to report the result of each ballot to Grand Lodge. Written nominations as required by section 36, unsigned by nominator, shall be handed to the scrutineers, before each individual election, and a list of those so nominated shall forthwith be read by the Grand Master to Grand Lodge.

38. Should any officer of Grand Lodge, other than the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master

die or remove from the jurisdiction, or become incapable for any reason of performing the duties of his office, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to fill the position until the next annual communication, or during such incapacity.

39. Subject to the approval of and confirmation by the Grand Master elect, the District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic District shall be elected by the majority of the Past Masters and representatives of the Lodges within such district present at the annual communication by ballot without nomination. He must be a Past Master and a resident of the District for which he is elected.

40. The election of each District Deputy Grand Master shall take place immediately after the close of the first session of the annual communication, and the results thereof shall be communicated forthwith to the Grand Secretary by the chairman of the district meeting, for confirmation by the Grand Master elect and if confirmed he shall, if present, be regularly installed, and if not present he shall be installed within one month after the close of such annual communication in one of the chartered Lodges of the district by a Past District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Officer especially commissioned for that purpose. In default of any election being held, or if the brother fails to attend for installation, or should a vacancy occur in the office the Grand Master shall appoint a duly qualified brother as District Deputy Grand Master, who shall, after being installed, have the same rank and privileges as if he had been regularly elected.

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

## GRAND MASTER.

41. The Grand Master is supreme in all matters concerning the fraternity and the peace and harmony of the Craft except when Grand Lodge limits his powers and prerogatives by the constitution.

To him belong the general supervision and government of the fraternity, and for these purposes he is empowered:

To preside in Grand Lodge at all its communications and to discharge all the necessary executive functions of that body when not in session.

To see that the constitution and the regulations of Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and adopted.

To grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges and such others as may be applied for in accordance with this constitution.

To present at each annual communication a written message therein setting forth all his official acts during the year; which message shall be referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence.

To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges and to receive and accredit representatives from them.

To decide all matters of usage, order and Masonic law which may be submitted to him, subject however to a right of appeal to Grand Lodge from his decision.

He shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry except through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master or a District Deputy Grand Master.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

42. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master as he shall direct.

He shall exercise all the prerogatives and perform all the duties of the Grand Master in case of his death, absence or disability.

He shall *ex officio* be president of the Board of General Purposes.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

43. The Masonic Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, be divided into districts over each of which a District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed.

44. It shall be his duty to visit each Lodge in his district at least once during his term; to preside therein upon each occasion; to examine its books and records; to inspect its mode of working; to enquire into its condition and proceedings and give Masonic advice and instruction; to recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry and caution in the admission of candidates; to prepare a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge in his district for the year ending 27th December and a report on the general condition of Masonry in his district and of his actions therein, with such particulars as he may deem necessary and to transmit such statement and report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May to be by him laid before the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry; and to perform such other duties as may be deputed to him by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

## GRAND WARDENS.

45. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to aid the Grand Master in conducting the business of Grand Lodge, and the supervision of the Craft. They shall whenever commanded attend the Grand Master and act as his Wardens while he presides in any particular Lodge.

## GRAND TREASURER.

46. The Grand Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the current funds of Grand Lodge. He shall keep such books and accounts and in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. His books shall always be open for inspection by the Grand Master or President of the Board of General Purposes, or any committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. He shall disburse the said funds as Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce a statement of receipts and disbursements at every annual communication of Grand Lodge.

He shall keep in some regularly chartered bank to be selected by the Committee on Finance, all the moneys, notes, bonds or other securities that may come into his possession as Grand Treasurer. The accounts in said bank shall be kept in the name of "Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" and no payment shall be made unless on warrants drawn by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and countersigned by the Grand Secretary. All cheques shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance or by the Grand Master.

47. The financial year of Grand Lodge shall close on the 31st day of March in each year.

GRAND SECRETARY.

48. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

(1) To record all the transactions of Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each annual communication under such instruction as may be given by Grand Lodge.

(2) To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to Grand Lodge, and to present such as may require its action at each communication thereof.

(3) To collect all moneys due to Grand Lodge, to keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and to pay the same forthwith into the bank account of Grand Lodge as afore provided, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Treasurer.

(4) To report at each annual communication a detailed statement of all moneys received by him during the financial year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived.

(5) To report at each annual communication all Lodges in arrears to Grand Lodge or which have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of its constitution and regulations.

(6) To conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge.

(7) To attend Grand Lodge at all its communications, and the Grand Master, when required with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office.



(8) To transmit to each Lodge within his jurisdiction, once in every six months, a list of all rejections, suspensions and restorations of which he shall have been notified by the several Lodges.

(9) To issue notices of any communications of Grand Lodge to all Grand Lodge Officers and to each Lodge. In the notices of the annual communications, to include all notices of motion as are required under this constitution.

(10) To take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of Grand Lodge.

(11) To furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

(12) To report at each annual communication all unfinished business of Grand Lodge; and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

(13) To have the custody of the seal of Grand Lodge, and affix the same to all charters, warrants, certificates and other documents issued by authority of Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

(14) To perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as Grand Lodge may direct.

49. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, by guarantee policy in such penal sum as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in this constitution.

50. He shall receive such compensation for his services as Grand Lodge may direct.

## GRAND REGISTRAR.

51. The Grand Registrar shall inspect the semi-annual returns from the constituent Lodges within this jurisdiction and assure himself that the names contained therein are properly entered in Grand Lodge Register and that the necessary certificates are issued and report to the Board of General Purposes.

## GRAND CHAPLAIN.

52. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all communications of Grand Lodge, there to offer up to the G.A.O.T.U. the prayers of the brethren, invoke His blessings upon their labors, and assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on all Masonic occasions.

## GRAND DEACONS.

53. There shall be two Grand Deacons whose duty shall be to bear the messages of the Grand Master and Grand Wardens throughout Grand Lodge.

## GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

54. There shall be a Grand Superintendent of Works whose duties shall be such as are prescribed in the Ceremonials of Grand Lodge.

## GRAND STEWARDS.

55. There shall be eight Grand Stewards whose duties shall be to provide, under the direction of the Grand Master, for the comfort and convenience of the brethren when assembled in Grand Lodge, and to superintend the festivals of thereof.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

56. It shall be the duty of the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form and regulate all processions of Grand Lodge, make all necessary proclamations, see that the proper ceremonies on all occasions are duly observed and enforce the orders of the Grand Master.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

57. The Grand Pursuivant shall receive the reports of the Grand Tyler, announce the names and Masonic title of all who desire admission, see that none enter without their proper clothing and jewels and enforce the orders of the Grand Master.

GRAND TYLER.

58. The Grand Tyler shall guard the outer door of Grand Lodge, report to the Grand Pursuivant the names and Masonic Title of all who desire admission and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

59. For the better carrying out of the general business of Grand Lodge there shall be a Board of General Purposes which shall consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar and twelve others, members of Grand Lodge (six of whom shall be elected by ballot after nomination each year, and shall hold office for two years from date of election).

Any elected member who shall fail to attend fifty per cent. of the meetings of the Board in any

year shall thereupon vacate his seat and be ineligible for election for the ensuing term.

60. All nominations for the Board shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary before the assembling of the second session of Grand Lodge, in order that at least three copies of the names so nominated shall be conspicuously posted by the Grand Secretary in the approaches to Grand Lodge during the second session.

61. A meeting of the Board shall be held at the close of each annual communication, at the place appointed for holding said communication, for the purpose of electing a Vice-President and selecting the several standing committees and for the transaction of other business.

62. Each standing committee of the Board shall consist of five members of whom the first-named shall be chairman and a majority shall form a quorum.

63. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday in February and on the Tuesday in June preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge in each year. Special meetings may be convened at other times by the Grand Master or President, and any meeting may adjourn from time to time if necessary. All meetings shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated on notice calling the same.

64. Should the President and Vice-President be absent the Board shall elect a chairman *pro tem*.

65. Seven members shall form a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote; the presiding officer in case of a tie having a second vote.

66. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints, not being Masonic offences, respecting Lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it.

67. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother to appear before it for the purpose of any enquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for noncompliance be not given the offending Lodge or brother may be suspended by the Grand Master and the proceedings reported to Grand Lodge.

68. A full report of the proceedings of the Board in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for that purpose. The judgment of the Board shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

69. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board or the Lodge to which he belongs such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

70. The Board shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge; shall examine all claims upon it, and when found correct, shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay them; and shall submit to Grand Lodge an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

71. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and may by rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

72. The Board shall annually appoint an auditor. His duty shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and of the Grand Treasurer once every three months and report to the Board. He shall receive such remuneration as the Board shall determine.

73. The Board may summon any officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Lodge to appear before it and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

74. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture or regalia of Grand Lodge.

75. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

76. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

77. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, to Grand Lodge, or other boards or committees, or any Lodge or brother shall be made in writing.

78. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge in preference to other business.

79. The Board may appoint committees from among its members for specific purposes who must report to the Board.

80. The standing committees shall report through the Board to Grand Lodge.

81. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

82. The actual expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes and of Committees and Commissions appointed by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in attending meetings thereof respectively shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge, the amount thereof to be approved by the President or presiding officer of the Board of General Purposes.

83. At each annual communication of Grand Lodge the Board shall report all its proceedings.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

84. The Standing Committees of the Board shall be: Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, Condition of Masonry, Foreign Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Masonic Relief and Charity, Charters, Necrology, Grand Lodge Library, Printing and Supplies, and Custodians of the Work.

85. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence*, of whom a majority shall be Past Grand Masters, to consider and report on the Grand Master's annual address; to consider and report to Grand Lodge upon all motions for amending or altering the constitution; and to confer with the Grand Master upon all questions and decisions of Masonic law and usage presented to them for their consideration and decision.

86. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Grievances and Appeals* to consider and report, with such recommendations as it may deem proper, upon all documents and papers relating to any matter of complaint or grievance appertaining to Masonic discipline and all appeals from the decision of any Lodge, or the Master thereof, and upon all petitions for restoration which may be referred to it. The members of this committee shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any appeal or complaint.

87. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on the Condition of Masonry* to carefully examine all reports, returns, proceedings, correspondence, etc., referred to it; to consider all matters respecting the Craft at home, the doings and reports of the officers of Grand Lodge and the internal economy of Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges; to recommend for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master such brethren as, in its opinion, have faithfully discharged their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters.

88. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations* to examine all the printed or written proceedings or documents emanating from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge and to report at each annual communication whatever it may deem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

89. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Finance*:

(1) To examine into and report upon all matters touching the finances of Grand Lodge, not other-



wise provided for, and to it shall be referred all subjects involving an appropriation of its funds; and without such reference no such appropriation shall be made.

(2) To examine and compare or cause to be examined and compared the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and submit a report of the financial condition of Grand Lodge at each annual communication.

(3) To present before the close of each annual communication an estimate of the probable receipts and expenses of the current year (giving each class of expenditure under its proper head) and recommend such amount as may be necessary for the expense of Grand Lodge.

90. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity*, to whom applications for assistance from the General Fund of Grand Lodge must be referred, to examine all such applications and report thereon to Grand Lodge with such recommendations as it may deem advisable.

91. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Charters* to examine all records of Lodges U.D.; to consider the District Deputy Grand Master's reports thereon; to make such other enquiries as they may deem necessary and to report to Grand Lodge with recommendations as the circumstances may warrant.

92. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Necrology* to prepare and present to Grand Lodge appropriate memoirs of deceased Masons of this jurisdiction who in their judgement may be entitled to such recognition.

93. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Grand Lodge Library* to collect valuable publications on Freemasonry, to appoint a member of Grand Lodge as Librarian and to present an annual report to Grand Lodge on the condition of the Library.

94. It shall be the duty of the *Committee on Printing and Supplies* to order and control all printing and procure all supplies for and on account of Grand Lodge and its officers and report to Grand Lodge.

95. It shall be the duty of the *Custodians of the Work* to have supervision of the Esoteric work of this jurisdiction, and to have full control of the promulgation thereof. This committee shall be wholly composed of Past Grand Masters.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

96. At its meeting in June prior to the annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall appoint three or more Masters or Past Masters, members of Grand Lodge, as a Committee on Credentials. This committee shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with a book containing the names of all brethren entitled to vote with the name and number of their respective Lodges, and after examination of all credentials, shall cause to be registered the names of the brethren in attendance who are qualified to vote and the number of votes they are entitled to cast at the election of officers and in matters touching the trust funds of Grand Lodge; deliver to each of such brethren the ballot paper to which he is entitled; and report in writing to Grand Lodge the

names of those who are entitled to vote and the number of votes to which each is entitled.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

97. Special committees may be appointed by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master to perform such duties as may be assigned them.

#### FEES.

98 The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge:

For a Dispensation for a New Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a Charter, thirty-five dollars.

For a New Charter, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified as beyond the control of the Lodge, the actual cost of said Charter.

For a Dispensation to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age, fifty dollars.

For a Dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation to initiate a person from without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation to attend Divine Service in Masonic Clothing, five dollars. (For attending Divine Service without regalia no dispensation required.)

For a Dispensation to hold a special election and installation (or either) of Master and Wardens of a Lodge, fifteen dollars; of Master alone, ten dollars; of a Warden or Wardens, five dollars.

For a Dispensation for any purpose not otherwise provided for, ten dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate, two dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate, to replace one lost or cancelled, one dollar.

For a Past Master's Certificate, one dollar.

For a Life Member's Certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, two dollars registration fee.

For every Brother affiliating with a Lodge, one dollar; provided that no fee shall be payable if affiliation takes place within one year from demission.

For every member of each Lodge, fifty cents per annum.

#### CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA.

99. No regalia nor jewel (other than that of a Grand Representative) shall be worn in Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge which shall not appertain to the degrees of Craft Masonry.

100. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft; and no brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge without his proper clothing.

#### APRONS.

*Grand Master, Present and Past.*—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

*Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.*—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in

gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging; the fringe of gold bullion.

*District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.*—Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold within an embossed wreath composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat, embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side; the fringe of gold bullion.

*Other Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.*—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with garter blue, edgings of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre; the fringe of gold bullion.

*Grand Stewards of the Year.*—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblems of their office in silver and crimson in the centre; the fringe of silver.

*The Master and Past Masters of a Lodge.*—A plain white lambskin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, with sky blue lining and edging two inches deep, silver tassels, and three emblems, two at the bottom and one on the flap, consisting of perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of apron, or of silver; the whole bound with silver fringe.

*Master Mason.*—The same, but without silver fringe or binding, and with three sky blue rosettes in place of the emblems. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblem of their office in silver or sky blue in the centre.

*Fellowcraft.*—A plain white lambskin same size as the Master's apron with two sky blue rosettes at the bottom.

*Entered Apprentice.*—The same but without ornament; white strings.

#### COLLARS.

*Grand Master, Present and Past.*—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

*Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.*—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

*District Deputy, Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.*—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat and the acacia in gold, one on each side.

*Grand Stewards of the Year.*—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

*Other Appointed Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.*—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.

*Masters, Past Masters and Lodge Officers.*—Collars of sky blue ribbon, four inches broad. If silver chain be used for W.M. it must be placed over sky blue ribbon.

Provided that the above clauses relating to aprons and collars shall not apply to Kinistino Lodge No. 1.

#### GAUNTLETS.

*All Elected Grand Officers, Present and Past.*—Gauntlets of garter blue, bound with gold, and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in gold on the face.

*Masters and Past Masters.*—Gauntlets of sky blue with square in silver.

## JEWELS.

*Grand Master.*—The compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.

*Past Grand Master.*—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

*Deputy Grand Master.*—The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the centre.

*Past Deputy Grand Master.*—The compasses and square only.

*District Deputy Grand Master.*—The compasses and square united with a five pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which is the name and number of the district.

*Past District Deputy Grand Master.*—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

*Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.*—The level.

*Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.*—The plumb.

*Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.*—A chased key.

*Grand Secretary, Present and Past.*—Crossed pens with a tie.

*Grand Registrar, Present and Past.*—A scroll.

*Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.*—A book on the triangle.



*Grand Deacons, Present and Past.*—Dove and Olive branch.

*Grand Superintendent of Works, Present and Past.*—A semi-circle protractor.

*Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.*—Crossed rods.

*Grand Organist, Present and Past.*—A lyre.

*Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.*—Arms of Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Chaplains, Deacons, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Pursuivant, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

*Grand Stewards*—A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraven "Saskatchewan."

*Grand Tyler.*—The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "Saskatchewan."

All Grand Officers Present and Past shall wear pendant to their collars the jewel designating their rank. The jewels of all Past Grand Officers, other than Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, shall be on a blue enameled oval medal. The jewel of a Past Grand Steward is oval in form, and of the same device as the jewel of a Grand Steward but on crimson enamel instead of the irradiated plate and of smaller size.

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

*Masters of Lodges.*—The square.

*Past Masters.*—The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within.

*Senior Warden.*—The level.

*Junior Warden.*—The plumb.

*Treasurer.*—The key.

*Secretary.*—The crossed pens.

*Chaplain.*—A book on a triangle.

*Deacons.*—The dove.

*Director of Ceremonies.*—The crossed rods.

*Organist.*—The lyre.

*Inner Guard.*—The crossed swords.

*Stewards.*—The cornucopia.

*Tyler.*—The Sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

#### UNDRESS CLOTHING.

101. In Grand Lodge and on all occasions where they appear in their official capacities all Grand Officers, present and past, must wear their full clothing and insignia.

102. In the subordinate Lodge and when not appearing in their official capacities in Grand Lodge Past Grand Officers may wear the following undress clothing instead of their full clothing and insignia:

#### APRON.

*Past Grand Master.*—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four inch garter

blue ribbon border, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk, and gilt chain tassels.

*Past Deputy Grand Master.*—Apron of same dimensions, with the square and compass embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past District Deputy Grand Master.*—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, with the name or number of the district in a circle, surmounting a square and compass, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.

*Past Grand Senior Warden.*—Apron of same dimensions, with the level embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Junior Warden.*—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Treasurer.*—Apron of same dimensions, with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Secretary.*—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over, tied with ribbon, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Registrar.*—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Chaplain.*—Apron of the same dimensions, with the Book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.

*Past Grand Deacon.*—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Superintendent of Works.*—Apron of the same dimensions, with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.*—Apron of same dimensions, with two rods in saltire or crossed over, tied with ribbon embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Organist.*—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Pursuivant.*—Apron of same dimensions with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

*Past Grand Stewards.*—Apron of the same dimensions, but with crimson edging four inches wide, with a flap bordered with ribbon two inches wide and levels of crimson silk, and silver tassels hanging from this with crimson ribbon in centre, no embroidery.

## COLLARS AND JEWELS.

All collars to be of plain garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, and appended the jewel of the office.

## LODGES.

103. "A Lodge" shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant from this Grand Lodge. A "Lodge under dispensation" (U.D.) shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and possessing no powers or privileges other than such as are conferred by its dispensation. The precedence of Lodges shall be determined from the number of their respective charters as registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

104. The elected officers of a Lodge are the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler. The appointed officers are the Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, two Stewards, and the Inner Guard, to which number may be added an Assistant Secretary, Director of Ceremonies and an Organist. They shall severally hold office until their successors respectively have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. N.B.—The Master only is installed, the other officers are invested and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy.

## POWERS.

105. The powers of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge, and by the general regulations of Masonry, and are defined as follows:

(1) "Executive."—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master; and in all other matters in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

(2) "Legislative."—Including all matters of legislation, relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge, or its own particular bylaws.

(3) "Judicial."—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of controversies between them; subject always to a revision by Grand Lodge on appeal.

106. Every Lodge has power to frame bylaws for its own government, provided they are not inconsistent with the constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge. The bylaws, or any amendment thereto, must be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master, and, when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and no bylaw or amendment shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

107. The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens, or other representative, before every communication of Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

#### DUTIES.

108. The bylaws of the Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered

to the Master on the day of his installation, (when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them) and every member shall have access to them at all reasonable times.

109. Each Lodge shall provide the several books required to be kept by the Secretary, which shall be prepared in accordance with the forms prescribed by Grand Lodge.

110. Each Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, read in open Lodge at the regular meeting following their receipt, which communication shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

111. Each Lodge shall make returns semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, on the blanks furnished by him according to the instructions accompanying the same. These shall be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be retained and preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge, and the other copy together with all fees, dues and indebtedness to Grand Lodge to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before the fifteenth days of January and July in each year. A fine of five dollars is imposed for non-compliance with the terms of this section.

112. No Lodge shall enter into correspondence with a Lodge in a sister Grand Jurisdiction until such is declared regular by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction. In the event of the Grand Secretary being unable to vouch for said Lodge as a regularly constituted Lodge, no Lodge nor any member thereof shall hold any Masonic intercourse with it or its members.

113. No Lodge nor any member thereof shall recognize as a mason a resident of the Province of Saskatchewan, who during such residence has been initiated into Masonry by any body beyond this jurisdiction without the permission of the Lodge nearest his place of residence, (such permission being given in the manner necessary for an election to receive the degrees) until such terms as may be imposed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge are complied with.

114. No Lodge nor any member thereof shall recognize or receive a dimit or certificate of standing of a member of a foreign jurisdiction until such has been approved by the Grand Secretary.

115. No Lodge nor any officer or member thereof shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate of recommendation, to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

116. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation from the established mode of working is highly improper and cannot be justified or countenanced.

#### MEETINGS.

117. The day and hour of the regular meetings of the Lodge shall be specified in its bylaws.

118. A Lodge of emergency may be called at any time, by giving seven days' notice, on the authority of the Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in his absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. A



Lodge of emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother, may be called at any time without the ordinary seven days' notice by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, by the Senior Warden, or in his absence, by the Junior Warden, but not without such authority. The particular reason for calling such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the notice, and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business other than that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

119. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or charter, unless notice shall have been given at a regular meeting that a resolution of such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one; nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such succeeding regular meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

120. All the business of the Lodge must be conducted in the third degree, except installation of officers, as provided for in Book of Ceremonies.

#### ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

121. Every Master Mason in good standing is eligible for any office in the Lodge, except that of Master, for which only a brother who has been elected and invested as Warden of a Lodge, and has served a full Masonic year as such (Wardens in

newly chartered Lodges excepted) is eligible except by dispensation of the Grand Master; provided that a brother who has not served as Warden may be nominated as Worshipful Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

122. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot, the Tyler by open vote, at the regular meeting in the month next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist; and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed or invested at the festival meeting next following; or, in the event of it being impracticable to hold the installation at such festival, then at a special meeting called for that purpose, but such meeting must be held previous to the next regular meeting of the Lodge. If an elected officer be absent on the night set by the Lodge for installation he cannot be installed or invested at any succeeding meeting except by dispensation of the Grand Master.

123. Should a Lodge fail to hold an election or to install its officers at the time above named, upon proper representation of the necessity therefor the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election or installation, or both at another time, but such dispensation shall be issued only on the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor to be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, and to be properly certified by the Secretary; and of the special election or installation thus held the members shall have due notice.

124. Should any elective office, other than that of Master or Warden, become vacant, by resignation or otherwise, no dispensation is required to fill the vacancy, but of the special election which may thus be held every member shall have due notice.

125. The Chaplain, Deacons, Stewards, Inner Guard, and such other subordinate officers as the bylaws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed by the Master after his installation; and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment.

126. No brother can hold two or more offices in the same Lodge at one and the same time.

127. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; no brother therefore shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein merely on account of seniority or rank; nor shall a Master elect assume the Master's chair until he has given evidence of his proficiency to a board of Installed Masters and been regularly installed. Previous to the installation also his election must be confirmed. Should the election not be confirmed, a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master, and on the confirmation of that election, at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, and provided the Master so elected has in the meantime passed a board of Installed Masters, the installation shall follow.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MASTER.

128. Every Master, before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all

the established usages and customs, and to preserve the landmarks of the Craft, and most strictly to enforce them within his Lodge.

129. The Master shall have power to congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper; to issue or cause to be issued all summonses or notices which may be required; to discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge; and to perform all such other acts by ancient usages proper to his office as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge.

130. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of his Lodge; to confer all degrees in strict accordance with the Esoteric work which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by Grand Lodge; to give or cause to be given the lectures and changes appertaining to each degree; to examine the record of proceedings at each meeting of his Lodge when fairly transcribed by the Secretary, and if found correct subscribe his approval thereof; to superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and see that their respective duties are properly discharged; to carefully guard against any infraction by the members of his Lodge of its own bylaws, the constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge, and the general regulations of Masonry; to see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to appoint an auditing committee whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Secretary, and make report to the Lodge at a meeting in the month following the installation of officers; to see that the furniture and

other valuables are not wasted, damaged or lost; and in the event that the charter of the Lodge should ever be forfeited or surrendered, to preserve the furniture and other property of the Lodge subject to the order of Grand Lodge.

131. The Master of every Lodge when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge or any committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and produce the charter, minutes and books of the Lodge, under penalty of suspension by the Grand Master, which shall be reported to the next communication of Grand Lodge.

132. An Installed Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

133. In all cases of a tie vote, by ballot or otherwise, the Master in addition to his proper vote may have the casting vote.

134. Any appointed officer of a Lodge can be removed from office for a cause which appears to the Master to be sufficient.

135. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Master to the Lodge, but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master and be by him determined subject to appeal to Grand Lodge.

136. The Master of a Lodge is enjoined to visit other Lodges, in order that the same usages and

customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

137. For the wilful neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this constitution upon the Master of a Lodge, or any elected officer thereof, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF WARDENS.

138. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

139. In the event of the death or absence of the Master, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of both the Junior Warden shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master except ruling the Lodge and conferring degrees, which duties shall be performed by the next immediate Past Master present. In the event of no Past Master being present the Senior Warden or in his absence the Junior Warden shall rule the Lodge and shall occupy a chair on the dais in front of the Master's chair, and shall be addressed as Brother Warden, but under no circumstances shall he confer degrees.

140. The Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

141. The Wardens of every Lodge when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, Grand Lodge, or any committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge and produce the minutes and books of the Lodge under penalty of suspension by the Grand Master which shall be reported to the next communication of Grand Lodge.

#### DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

142. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Lodge from the hands of the Secretary, receipt to him therefor, and pay out the same only on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Lodge which shall be signed by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary.

143. He shall keep books setting out in detail his accounts, and preserve all vouchers for disbursements, and be prepared at any time to exhibit the same when required by the Lodge or Master, and to answer any inquiry pertaining to the duties of his office.

#### DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

144. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all the proceedings of the Lodge proper to be written, and shall read the same in open Lodge at that meeting for approval and correction, and when approved, faithfully enter them upon books of permanent record in accordance with the form prescribed by this constitution, and when thus transcribed and confirmed at the next regular meeting, present them to the Master for his approval and signature.

(2) He shall collect and receive all moneys due the Lodge and pay the same forthwith to the Treasurer.

(3) He shall keep the seal of the Lodge and affix the same with his signature to all papers issued under his authority or in obedience to the requirements of the constitution and regulations of Grand Lodge.

(4) He shall transmit to the Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Master of his district immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed.

(5) He shall transmit to the Grand Secretary the semi-annual report on the blanks furnished by Grand Lodge, together with the dimits or certificates of standing of Masons affiliating during the term, and preserve a copy of the returns.

(6) He shall report to the Grand Secretary and also to the secretaries of all Lodges within his district immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, suspensions and restorations.

(7) He shall issue notices for all meetings to every member of the Lodge (see section 154) and shall transmit copies of the same to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district.

(8) He shall keep a book of bylaws for the signature of the members in the order of their admission in which he shall see that each member on admission signs his name in full.

(9) He shall keep a historical register as prescribed by Grand Lodge in which he shall record the full name or names of all members of the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affilia-



tion; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death or restoration; together with the full name or names of those rejected, expelled or suspended by any sister Lodge so far as he shall receive proper notice thereof.

(10) He shall keep an attendance register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which all members and visitors shall record their names, and the name, number and location of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge.

(11) He shall also keep such account books as are prescribed by Grand Lodge to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the moneys received and his payments to the Treasurer, and shall preserve the Book of Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order, and perform such other duties as may appertain to his office or be required by the constitution.

#### DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS.

145. The Deacons, Tyler and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the Craft and appertaining to their respective offices, as may be required by the bylaws or as the Master shall direct.

#### MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED.

146. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired:

(1) By having regularly received the degree of Entered Apprentice therein.

(2) By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.

(3) By having been named in a dispensation for a new Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor.

(4) By the consolidation into one Lodge of two or more Lodges of one of which he was a member.

147. A brother cannot be a member of more than one Lodge in this jurisdiction except as an honorary member. This rule does not refer to brethren who, at the time this constitution was adopted, were members of more than one Lodge so as to affect such membership; nor to members of a Lodge U.D. Should a charter however be granted to such Lodge U.D. membership in the senior Lodge shall terminate *ipso facto*, and unless his dues are paid in full to the date of the termination thereof the newly chartered Lodge shall become responsible therefor, and the brother be liable for suspension therein, as if the dues were owing such Lodge.

148. A candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry must be free born; of the full age of twenty-one years and of good reputation; a believer in the existence of a Supreme Being; uninfluenced by improper motives; and physically capable of literally conforming to the actual requirements of the ceremonies. He must also have resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission.

149. A petitioner shall not be admitted a member of a Lodge, unless the laws relating to the proposing and admitting of members shall have been strictly complied with.

## PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, HOW DEALT WITH.

150. A petition for membership by affiliation shall be in the form prescribed by the constitution (Form 1); be signed by the petitioner with name in full; and be accompanied by his dimit, certificate of standing, or certificate of life membership. Should a brother, affiliating from a Lodge in this jurisdiction, not wish to dimit from the Lodge of which he is a member until he has been accepted in another Lodge, the Lodge to which he presents his petition may ballot thereon if accompanied by a certificate of standing, but he shall not become a member of said Lodge until the dimit from his former Lodge has been received by the secretary of the Lodge with which he wishes to affiliate, nor unless said dimit has been duly received within six months from the date of his petition being balloted on without a second ballot. Should a brother affiliating from a sister Grand Jurisdiction not wish to dimit from the Lodge of which he is a member, a certificate of standing may be accepted in lieu of a dimit.

In all cases where a petition for affiliation is rejected the dimit or certificate of standing accompanying it must be returned to the petitioner; if the petition be accepted such dimit or certificate of standing must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

151. If the petitioner be a Mason suspended for nonpayment of dues from a Lodge since extinct, he may apply to the Grand Secretary for a certificate, accompanying his application by the amount of his delinquent dues, and upon presentation of a certificate from the Grand Secretary that his dues have been paid, he shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge.

152. A petition for membership by initiation shall be in writing, signed by the applicant with name in full and shall be in the form prescribed by the constitution (Form 2).

153. All petitions for membership must be recommended by two members of the Lodge and be presented at a regular meeting, accompanied by the fees required by the bylaws; be referred to a committee of three members to be appointed by the Master; and lie over for at least one month and if necessary for a longer period until the said committee shall have made diligent and careful inquiry into the character of the petitioner and reported thereon

154. The name in full, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner together with the names of the brethren who recommended him, shall be sent to all the members in the notice for the next regular meeting and every subsequent regular meeting of the Lodge until the report of the committee has been received and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

155. A petition cannot be withdrawn after reference to a committee except by unanimous consent of the Lodge and before such committee has brought in their report.

156. Should the committee find a petitioner disqualified on account of insufficient residence, or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereon, in which case the Master shall direct the withdrawal

of the petition without further action and such direction shall be entered on the record.

157. Should the report of the committee be unfavorable a ballot shall not be had, but the Master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the applicant rejected. Should the report however be favorable a ballot shall be had, every member present being required to vote, and two or more black balls shall reject, unless the bylaws of the Lodge require that one black ball shall reject.

158. Should the ballot be favorable, if an applicant for affiliation he shall be declared a member of the Lodge, and if an applicant for the degrees he shall be initiated at a subsequent meeting. Should the ballot be unfavorable the Master without declaring the result may at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last; but in no case after one ballot has been had shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge.

159. A brother rejected for affiliation may renew his application at any regular meeting to the same or any other Lodge in the jurisdiction.

A candidate rejected for the degrees cannot make a second application to the same or any other Lodge until a period of twelve months has expired since his rejection

160. Should a brother violate the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted,

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or should he be aware how a brother voted and reveal the same to another brother he shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to suspension.

161. Should a petitioner having been balloted for and approved fail to present himself for initiation or membership within six months thereafter all proceedings in his case shall be void.

DEGREES.

162. If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three degrees, and shall have received the first degree or the first and second degrees in one Lodge, he may, at the request of such Lodge, and on its behalf and without additional fees, receive the remaining degree or degrees in another Lodge. No petition, reference or ballot shall be necessary in the last named Lodge as the work will be done for the first of which he will be deemed a member. A Lodge shall not confer the F.C. or M.M. degree, or both, on a member of a Lodge from a foreign jurisdiction until the standing of such Lodge has been certified by the Grand Secretary.

163. A Lodge shall not confer any one degree on more than five candidates at the same meeting.

164. A Lodge shall not advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree before at least one month has elapsed since the conferring on him of the previous degree, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, nor until, upon a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely proficient in that or those which he has

already taken, and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those, or either of those degrees, unless by the official request of such Lodge, if it then be in existence.

165. A Lodge shall not have more than one ballot for the three degrees.

166. In case objection be made by any member of the Craft to the initiation of a candidate after he has been balloted for, the Master may decline to initiate such candidate until the objection has been removed, or he may call a meeting of a board of Installed Masters to investigate the cause of the objection (or if there be not sufficient Installed Masters, members of the Lodge, to form such board, a meeting of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge) and if they find the same well founded the applicant shall be considered rejected. If objection be made to the advancement of a brother by a member of the Lodge, such objection shall be placed in the form of a charge, and if not so placed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, the objection shall have no effect.

167. Every brother on his affiliation, and every candidate on his initiation, must sign the bylaws of the Lodge in token of his submission thereto, a copy of which, together with the Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge shall then be presented to him.

168. Every candidate initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation and is liable for Lodge dues forthwith.

## LODGE JURISDICTION.

169. A Lodge shall not receive and act upon the petition of an applicant for initiation whose residence may be nearer some other Lodge in this jurisdiction without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and the consent, by resolution in writing, of such nearest Lodge, or in the case of a city or town of all Lodges having jurisdiction; nor shall any Lodge act upon the petition of an applicant who has been rejected, within one year of such rejection, unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master; nor shall a petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry be received from any person who has not resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made; and such petition for initiation shall include the averment of the applicant that he has never before petitioned a Lodge; or if he has he shall give the name and location of said Lodge and state what action was had on said petition and when it occurred.

170. In cities or towns, where more than one Lodge exists, each Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

171. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition for degrees of a person who has not the required qualification of residence unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge by unanimous vote by ballot, and should such dispensation be issued, the petition shall take the usual course of reference and ballot in the Lodge.



## HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

172. A brother who may have rendered service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge may, after due notice to each member, by a ballot of the Lodge taken in the same manner as for affiliation, be elected an honorary member. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members. A Lodge U.D. cannot make honorary members.

173. Lodges may, by bylaw, admit their members, other than honorary members, to life membership on such terms as they may determine; provided the Lodge pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of ten dollars, which payment shall exempt them from the payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

174. Upon such life member withdrawing from the Lodge, of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account nor in case he becomes a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor.

175. Life and honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

## MEMBERSHIP, HOW TERMINATED.

176. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated:

(1) By the dissolution of a Lodge.

- (2) By the consolidation of a Lodge with another Lodge or Lodges.
- (3) By withdrawal therefrom after proper notice.
- (4) By obtaining membership in another Lodge.
- (5) By death, suspension or expulsion.

177. A member of a Lodge in good standing, and whose dues are paid in full to date, may withdraw therefrom at any time by written application, signed by himself; and, providing no charges are pending against him and he be clear on the books, the application shall be accepted at a regular meeting by resolution of the Lodge granting a dimit, which resolution shall terminate his membership therein. In the event of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft dimitting he shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid for degrees.

178. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the surrender of its charter, and whose dues shall have been paid or remitted in whole or in part by the Board of General Purposes, are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing Lodge.

#### FEEES AND DUES.

179. A Lodge shall not confer the three degrees for a less fee than thirty-five dollars; provided, however, that if an affiliating brother has already received the first degree, or the first and second degrees in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his application for the remaining degrees or degree, shall be such proportion of the fee for all the degrees as the bylaws of the Lodge may prescribe.

A candidate shall not be initiated unless the fees in full provided by the bylaws of the Lodge are paid.

180. By a vote of the Lodge the dues of any member may be remitted.

#### VISITORS.

181. A visitor shall not be admitted into a Lodge unless he is in good standing; nor until he is personally vouched for by a brother who has sat with him in open Lodge, or has passed a satisfactory examination by two or more well skilled brethren present; nor if there be, in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge; nor until he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, and the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose, and such particulars have been announced in open Lodge. During his continuance in the Lodge he shall be subject to its bylaws.

#### NONAFFILIATED MASONS.

182. It is the duty of every Mason to be a member of some Lodge, and a nonaffiliated Mason, who having resided six months within this jurisdiction, shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall not be entitled to the benefits of the benevolent fund, nor to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of the Craft.

#### LODGES U.D.

183. A dispensation to form a Lodge may be granted by the Grand Master upon presentation to

him through the District Deputy Grand Master of the district of a petition signed by at least seven Master Masons (names in full) in good standing with the names of the Lodges of which they are or were members, and a recommendation of appointment of three of the petitioners as Master, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively; the petition must be accompanied by the dimit, or certificate of standing together with a receipt showing that his dues are paid to date of each petitioner from the Lodge of which he was or is a member. If within thirty miles of the place mentioned in the charter of an existing Lodge (or Lodges) the petition must also be accompanied by the consent of such Lodge (or Lodges), and if in a town or city where there are already two or more Lodges then by the consent of one of such Lodges. Before sending in the petition the District Deputy Grand Master shall satisfy himself as to the desirability of forming a Lodge in the district stated; the financial prospects of the proposed Lodge; the competency of the proposed officers; the character of the petitioners; and the suitability of the room in which it is proposed to hold the Lodge; and shall make a report to the Grand Master as to all these matters accompanying the petition.

184. Where the consent of an existing Lodge is required it must appear as an item of business in the notices of, and be passed upon at, a regular meeting of the Lodge, and must be signed by the Master and Secretary with the seal of the Lodge attached.

185. Every new Lodge shall be instituted by the Grand Master or his deputy appointed for that purpose.

186. The bylaws recommended for chartered Lodges by Grand Lodge are to be used by Lodges U.D. filling up the blanks to suit local circumstances.

187. A Lodge working under dispensation has the rights and privileges conferred by the dispensation and none other except the inherent right of all Masonic bodies to raise money to pay its expenses by levy on its members, and the right to govern them.

188. All dispensations for new Lodges shall be returned to the Grand Secretary upon the first day of the month in which the next succeeding annual communication of Grand Lodge shall be held, together with the bylaws, books of record, and returns of the new Lodge to that date.

189. Upon the return of a dispensation of a new Lodge as provided above, if an examination of its work and proceedings shall prove satisfactory to the Committee on Charters, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a charter to such Lodge, and assign it such name (but such name shall not be the name of a living person) and number on the register as shall be deemed proper; and such Lodge shall be duly constituted within three months thereafter. If the examination aforesaid be not satisfactory a charter may be refused and the dispensation cancelled, or the continuance of the dispensation until the next annual communication of Grand Lodge may be ordered but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

190. A Lodge U.D. may send representatives to Grand Lodge who may be admitted to seats and be

permitted to speak but shall have no vote until after Grand Lodge has decided to grant a charter.

#### AMALGAMATION OF LODGES.

101. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect and appoint a committee of three members to arrange the terms therefor. Notice of such resolution shall be given at a preceding meeting in each Lodge.

The report of the committee, if favorable, shall recommend for adoption the name and number of the Lodge and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by the Lodges a copy thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each member of said Lodges, and unless seven or more members of either of the Lodges notify the Secretary of their Lodge, in writing, of their objection to such amalgamation, within ten days from the date of mailing such notices it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named when the members of the Lodge present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Master-elect, shall be immediately installed or invested, if present.

The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master-elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge, which shall be signed by the Master and Secretary and forwarded to the Grand Secretary within one month after amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall

be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same rights in the amalgamated Lodge as he would have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

#### DISSOLUTION OF LODGES.

192. As every chartered Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a charter; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the charter ceases and becomes extinct.

193. The charter of a Lodge may be forfeited:

(1) By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft.

(2) By disobedience to any provision of the constitution or regulations of Grand Lodge.

(3) By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master.

(4) By receiving applicants known to be unworthy or refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members.

(5) By failure to meet during a period of twelve successive months.

194. The charter of a Lodge shall not be forfeited until charges against the Lodge have been

presented in and investigated by Grand Lodge, (of which charges the Lodge accused shall have due notice); though the same may be arrested until the next annual communication by the Grand Master who shall report in writing to Grand Lodge his reasons thereof, and his opinion respecting any further action in the matter which should be taken by Grand Lodge.

195. The arrest or forfeiture of the charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except those especially declared exempted from such suspension.

196. The surrender or forfeiture of the charter of a Lodge when declared by Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members; and all the authority granted by such charter, together with all the records, funds, jewels, furniture, dues and property of such Lodge of every kind, shall revert to Grand Lodge.

#### LODGE SEAL.

197. All documents or papers of every kind whatsoever, emanating from a chartered Lodge, or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of its seal or be considered null and of no effect.

198. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary whenever changed.

#### LODGE PROPERTY.

199. The jewels, books and furniture of a Lodge are vested in the Master and Wardens for the time



being; they are responsible for them and it is their duty to see that they are properly insured against loss by fire; should any Lodge neglect to provide necessary insurance upon its property, furniture and jewels it shall not be permitted in the event of such loss to make any appeal for assistance to the Craft.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

200. A Lodge of instruction under the auspices of a chartered Lodge may be held at such time and place as may be deemed advisable or convenient, by special license or authority of the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master. The brethren to whom such license is granted shall be answerable for the proceedings.

#### CERTIFICATES.

201. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered on the books of Grand Lodge as having been made a Master Mason, for which certificate the Lodge shall pay two dollars. Each Lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the Masons whom it has initiated, passed and raised, shall, in addition to the registration fee and half-yearly dues, make a remittance for certificates.

202. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

203. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must speci-

fy not only the date of initiation but also the dates on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees, together with his name in full.

#### PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

204. A public procession of Masons clothed in regalia shall not on any pretence be allowed, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, except upon the occasion of a Masonic funeral, when a dispensation is not required but it is necessary for the Master of the Lodge to report the proceedings immediately to the Grand Secretary.

205. If a brother shall attend as a Mason clothed in any of the jewels or regalia of the Craft, at any public procession or at any public meeting, except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Lodge. And if any Lodge shall so offend it shall stand suspended until Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

206. Any Lodge which has been established by charter from this Grand Lodge, in any territory in which a Grand Lodge did not then exist, and which did not take part in the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within said territory, shall thereby forfeit said charter and all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto; unless within one year after the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within

such territory, the said Lodge shall become obedient to the Grand Lodge of the territory within which it is situated.

207. A Lodge or Mason shall not hold any Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason, with an illegal Lodge, with any person who has received degrees therein, or is a member thereof, nor with any Mason not acknowledged as such by the Grand Lodge.

208. A brother shall not presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Master. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge, by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not Masons are permitted to be present.

209. The majority of the members present at any Lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are not inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in a minute book of his Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority, and then only by permission of the Master.

210. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Lodge in this Constitution, its charter

may be suspended or forfeited, and for the neglect or violation of any duty herein imposed upon a Secretary, his Lodge, shall be held responsible.

#### DEFINITIONS.

211. The words and terms used in this constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions:

(1) Grand Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master.

(2) Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Master.

(3) Past Master.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected (or named in a charter) and installed, and has served a full Masonic year as Master of a chartered Lodge.

(4) Representative.—The representative of a Lodge is that one of its Past Masters who, in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at Grand Lodge, has been duly elected by the Lodge at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, to represent it at the next communication.

(5) Vacancy.—Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation, removal from the jurisdiction, resignation, suspension or expulsion.

(6) Jurisdiction.—The jurisdiction of Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of the Province of Saskatchewan and all members without this jurisdiction acting under its authority.

The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members wherever residing, and all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this jurisdiction, except in towns or cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of one of such Lodges who resides in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

(7) Residence.—The residence of a person shall be the place in which his habitation is fixed and to which whenever he is absent therefrom he has the intention of returning; the residence of a single man shall be where he usually sleeps.

(8) Regulation.—By a regulation of Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the constitution, which it may adopt.

(9) Arrest of Charter.—By the term "Arrest of Charter" is meant that the Lodge is inoperative until the order which prohibits it from working is cancelled and the charter restored and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect.

(10) Suspensions.—The suspension of a Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he is restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges, as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

(11) **Expulsion.**—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Craft and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he is restored by Grand Lodge.

(12) **Notification.**—A notification or notice is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, or to perform some specific duty therein set forth; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction if he can, without great inconvenience, do so.

(13) **Summons.**—A summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute, and the penalty for disobedience may be, after due trial, expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity. It shall be either written or printed and sealed with the proper seal, and shall when practicable be personally served upon the brother to be notified or left at his last known place of residence with a grown up member of his family, by the Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for that purpose. If this cannot conveniently be done it shall be sent by registered mail to his last known place of residence and either shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

(14) **Regular Meeting.**—The regular meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business may be done, with the exceptions specified in this constitution. It shall be designated

as such in the bylaws of each Lodge, and no emergent meeting shall ever be considered as a part of any such regular meeting.

(15) Month.—The word "month," whenever it occurs in this constitution, shall be held to mean lunar month.

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## RULES OF GRAND LODGE

### RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES

#### OFFENCES.

1. The following are Masonic offences:

Atheism.

Contempt for God and religion.

Any violation of the constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the bylaws of a Lodge by a member or visitor thereof.

Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the Esoteric work or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Improper revelations.

Countenance of imposters.

Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Fraud.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

Drunkenness and brawling.

Cruelty, and all crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

#### JURISDICTION.

2. For any offence against the bylaws of his Lodge a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

#### SERVICE OF PAPERS.

5. Service on any brother of papers in connection with a Masonic trial or any appeal connected therewith, when such service is required by the rules, shall be effected in the following manner: If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction, he shall either be served personally or a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his proper post office address. If his residence is unknown, a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail, prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at such last known place of residence with a grown-up member of his family. When a definite number of days' service by posting is required by any of the following rules, the day of posting the paper to be served shall count as one day.



## PROCEDURE.

(The following rules shall apply to a trial by a Lodge, but shall also govern as far as applicable a trial by a commission.)

6. A charge of Masonic offence shall be made in writing. It shall be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. It shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, and it shall be filed by the accuser with the Secretary of the Lodge which is to try the case.

7. The charge shall be read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge which shall occur after the lapse of ten clear days from the day on which the same is filed.

8. On a charge being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge, he shall with the summons for the next meeting, send notice to all the members thereof that such charge has been received and of the time when the same shall be read.

9. The proceedings in connection with the trial after charges have been filed, shall, subject to the control of the Master of the Lodge, be conducted under the supervision of the Junior Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules respecting Masonic trials are adhered to, that the accused brother has ample opportunity to prepare his defence, and that the trial is brought to a close as expeditiously as may be reasonable.

10. When the charge shall be presented and read the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether it shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial, or shall be dismissed.

If the charge is accepted it cannot be withdrawn except for good cause shown and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present. The charge shall not be amended except by a majority vote and on due notice to the accused.

11. Immediately upon the acceptance of a charge by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charge and the particulars, if any, and a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused reasonable time to prepare his defence.

12. Should the accused neglect to attend at the time and place of trial after notice has been served on him, the Lodge may at the time in such notice specified proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. Provided, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of serving such notice and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In the absence of the accused the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act for him as his counsel or representative.

13. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instantly why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion proceed, or permit the Lodge to proceed, to trial and suspension.

14. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose. In case it be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued

at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

15. Every trial shall be prosecuted with as much despatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accuser and the accused will permit.

16. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons must be in good standing. They shall give their testimony on their honor as Masons.

17. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons must be of such religious belief as would justify their evidence being received in a Court of Justice. They shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

18. The rules respecting evidence in Courts of Justice shall apply as far as the same can be made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

19. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received at any Masonic trial.

20. The evidence of witnesses who are Masons may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons shall be examined only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case the accuser and the accused in person, or a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

21. The testimony of any witnesses unable to attend the Lodge or committee may be taken by

deposition before a Mason authorized by the Master to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

22. It shall be the duty of the accuser and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summon as a witness any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

23. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree, but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

24. The Master shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master, shall take down in writing the evidence submitted by both the accuser and the accused and note all objections made by either. The evidence, objections and rulings shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

25. At the conclusion of the evidence the accuser and the accused in person, or their counsel or representative, may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accuser and the accused shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views on the case and the law and the facts involved;

and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent reasons, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

26. A committee for the purpose of taking evidence shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, any of whom may for reasonable cause, to be fully explained by the objecting party, be removed by the Master, who shall appoint another in his place.

27. Every such committee shall select from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge to summon before them the accuser and the accused with their respective witnesses.

28. The proceedings of such committees shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above described shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the committee.

29. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaint before them.

30. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and upon the accuser and the accused retiring any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case, and may require any portion or the whole of the evidence to be read to enable him to come to a decision.

31. In case the accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

32. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master or by the Lodge or by the committee when the proceedings are before a committee.

#### JUDGMENT.

33. At the conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present must vote by ballot. It shall require a vote of a majority to sustain the charge, and if any charge shall be sustained the accused shall there and then be declared guilty.

#### PUNISHMENT.

34. The punishment which shall be inflicted by Lodges for a Masonic offence shall be in the discretion of the Lodge either "indefinite suspension" "definite suspension" or "reprimand."

35. When an offender is declared guilty the Master shall forthwith put the question as to whether he shall be suspended indefinitely or suspended for a definite time. These questions shall be put separately in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by ballot by a majority of votes, every member present being required to vote. In the event of a negative vote on both questions, reprimand.

mand shall be administered by the Master in open Lodge. Any brother suspended indefinitely shall be reported to Grand Lodge for further action.

36. "Reprimand" shall be the least Masonic punishment.

37. No "definite suspension" shall be voted for a longer term than three years, nor for a less term than three months.

38. Suspension after trial for any offence subjects the offender and his family during its continuance to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

39. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge he shall be notified of his suspension by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted he shall be notified of his acquittal by the Master in open Lodge, if present, and by the Secretary in writing.

#### APPEALS.

40. The accuser or accused or any member of the Lodge may appeal from any verdict or sentence in the case rendered or adjudged, or from any vote or decision of a Lodge or commission upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to Grand Lodge. If the appeal is to Grand Lodge it shall be heard at the first annual meeting thereof which occurs after the lapse of ten days from the time the notice of appeal is given.

41. The notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant and shall contain a statement of the case and the reasons of appeal. It

shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within the time limited for serving notice of appeal.

42. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from, or the chairman of the commission, notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-one days after notice of its action or decision has been served upon him, and the Secretary of such Lodge under the direction of the Master or the Chairman of the Commission, shall, at least ten days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, on payment of the sum of ten cents per folio therefor, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

43. Should the appeal not be made in time for the next meeting of Grand Lodge held after the appeal is taken, it shall stand over until the next subsequent annual meeting of Grand Lodge, or it may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess, upon recommendation of the Committee on Appeals.

44. Upon hearing an appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may dismiss the appeal or affirm the decision appealed from; or

Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality and remand the case for further proceedings; or

Give such directions as may be reasonable and proper.

45. In all cases of appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy



Grand Master or other competent officer to investigate the case and report thereon with his opinion.

46. Whenever the Grand Master or Grand Lodge on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, or a commission properly appointed, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment upon said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

#### TRIAL BY COMMISSION.

47. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the chairman of the commission by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

48. The Grand Master may at any stage of a case before verdict or judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The commission shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge, but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence to be laid before the Grand Master.

49. The commission shall decide upon the question of guilt or innocence and punishment in the

same manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide, and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary.

50. The accuser and the accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge, and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

#### SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, RESTORATION.

51. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated all suspensions as they may severally occur.

52. A suspended Mason may be restored by Grand Lodge or by the Lodge in appeal which suspended him.

53. A Mason suspended indefinitely seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

54. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all the members of the Lodge of such petition at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

55. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present for its adoption.

56. If the Lodge has ceased to exist the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

57. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

58. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge the restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

59. In all cases of restoration by a Lodge the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

60. When a Lodge reports to Grand Lodge, as provided in rule 35, a brother suspended indefinitely the report shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report of the Board recommend expulsion and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such a report and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten days' notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him, at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

61. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to see that the summons required by the preceding section is duly served.

62. Should a brother who has been expelled desire to be restored he may at any time after his sentence of expulsion file with the Grand Secretary, at least thirty days before an annual communication of Grand Lodge, a petition which shall contain a copy of the charge upon which he was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. The petition must be accompanied by a favorable recommendation of the Lodge from which he was suspended, or the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has continuously resided for the twelve months next preceding the presentation of his petition, passed by a two-thirds vote in and by a Lodge at a regular meeting.

#### MASTERS AND LODGES.

63. A Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term for any Masonic offence (except official misconduct or a violation of his obligations). At all such trials the District Deputy Grand Master, or in the event of his disability an officer properly commissioned by the Grand Master shall preside. All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

64. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and its Master, resulting in charges being preferred, or an informal complaint made, the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the

Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with the District Deputy Grand Master as chairman, unless there is good reason why he should not act, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master, and shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

65. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

#### NONPAYMENT OF DUES.

66. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default at a regular meeting thereof, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid, shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if sent by registered mail to the last known address of such member at least twenty-one days before the next meeting.

67. In case such member shall not, before the next regular meeting of the Lodge, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered

as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the Master shall forthwith declare such brother suspended for non-payment of dues, and the Secretary shall notify the brother and the District Deputy Grand Master and the Lodges of the district of such suspension.

68. If any excuse be offered the Lodge shall decide by a majority whether the same is sufficient or not.

69. A Mason suspended for nonpayment of dues is, during such suspension, deprived of all the privileges of Masonry.

70. If within one year from the date of suspension the delinquent brother shall pay the amount due at said date, the Master shall without a vote of the Lodge, declare him reinstated, which fact shall be entered on the records and entitle him to full membership in the Lodge.

71. If such payment is not made within one year from the date of suspension he can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the Lodge upon a petition therefor. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge and can not be acted upon before the regular meeting thereafter, nor until notice of such petition has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. On a petition for reinstatement no recommendation or committee of investigation is required.

## RESPECTING BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the institution of this Grand Lodge the nucleus of a benevolent fund was formed for the assistance of Masonic brethren in good standing in this jurisdiction, their widows and orphans; and at the reg-

ular communication of Grand Lodge in 1911 provision was made for the appointment of trustees to administer said fund.

The following rules are now adopted for the governing of this or any special fund:

1. There shall be a Board of Benevolence consisting of the Grand Master and six other trustees to be elected by Grand Lodge.

2. At the first election two shall be elected for a term of three years—two for a term of two years and two for a term of one year—and thereafter two shall be elected annually for a term of three years at each annual communication.

3. The Board shall meet annually at the close of the annual communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of electing a President, Vice President and Secretary, and to consider such other business as may properly come before it. Subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the President.

4. Should a vacancy occur in the Board at any time, the remaining members of the Board shall appoint a Past Master, a member of this Grand Lodge to fill such vacancy until the next regular communication of Grand Lodge.

#### INVESTMENT.

5. For the investment of moneys pertaining to this fund the Board shall have all the powers of trustees as defined in The Trustee Act of the Province of Saskatchewan.

6. No loan shall be made from this fund unless an especial appraisalment and valuation of the proposed security has been made for the Board by a recognized competent person; and such report submitted to and passed upon by the Board.

7. Loans made by way of mortgage shall be taken in the name of "Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

8. All legal documents pertaining to the investment of this fund shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and under the Seal of Grand Lodge.

9. The Grand Treasurer shall pay out on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board the necessary disbursements in connection with the management of the fund or grants authorized by Grand Lodge.

10. Any lodge may forward for the consideration of the Board a statement of any case which should, in its opinion, receive attention and no applications other than those received shall be considered.

11. At each annual communication of Grand Lodge a report shall be submitted by the Board setting forth,

- (a) The exact state of the fund and investment of the same as at the 31st day of March preceding.
- (b) Specific recommendations in regard to any proposed grants from said fund.

12. No grant shall be made from this fund without a report thereon from the board having first been submitted to and approved by Grand Lodge.

13. Any other special fund that may hereafter be established under the authority of Grand Lodge shall be administered by this Board unless otherwise specifically directed.



## THE CHARGES OF A FREE MASON.

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Extracted from the antient records of Lodges throughout the world for the use of Lodges. To be read at the making of new brethren, or when the Master shall order it. Published by order of Grand Lodge.

The general heads of the Charges are

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.
- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
- VI. Of Behaviour, viz.:
  1. In the Lodge while constituted.
  2. After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
  3. When Brethren meet without strangers but not in a lodge formed.
  4. In the presence of strangers not Masons.
  5. At home and in your neighborhood.
  6. Towards a strange Brother.
- VII. Antient Charges—To the Master-Elect.

# THE CHARGES OF A FREE MASON, ETC.

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## I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believes in the Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

## II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be

concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

### III.—OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons is called a lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some lodge, and be subject to its bylaws and the general regulations of the Craft. A lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow would be absent from his lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

#### IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised; therefore, no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he is a "perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body," that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his master's lord and of being made a brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a warden, and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden unless he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been master, of a lodge, nor a grand master until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who

is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N.B.—In antient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.

#### V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor

put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him nor put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the fellow-craftsman is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meckly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach laborers or unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

#### VI.—OF BEHAVIOUR, VIZ.:

##### 1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversations without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludic-

rously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER  
AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when the occasion calls him or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as Masons of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT  
STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instructions as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due and avoid ill-manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS  
NOT MASONS.

You should be cautious in your works and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the Worshipful Fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late



or too long from home after lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and keystone, the cement and glory of this antient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the antient laudible conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course

but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Masters and Fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits, that so you may find the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the Masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE.

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SUMMARY OF THE ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS TO BE READ BY THE GRAND SECRETARY (OR ACTING SECRETARY) TO THE MASTER-ELECT, PRIOR TO HIS INSTALLATION INTO THE CHAIR OF THE LODGE:

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You agree to be a peaceful subject and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.

3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decision of the supreme legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the Order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren, and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or any person initiated therein; and that no public procession of Masons, clothed with the badge of the Order, can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a member of any lodge without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular lodge.

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## CHARGES.

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### CHARGE TO NEWLY INITIATED CANDIDATE.

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our antient and honorable society. Antient, as having subsisted from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable

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who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—"the practice of every social and moral virtue;" and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age, monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and joined our assemblies. As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbor and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to the creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support; to your neighbor by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you should wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any

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act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land, ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurturing.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you; temperance chasten you; fortitude support you; and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments, "benevolence and charity."

Still, however as a Mason there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed; among the foremost of these are "secrecy, fidelity and obedience."

"Secrecy" may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your "fidelity" must be exemplified by a strict observance of the Constitution of the Fraternity; by adhering to the antient landmarks of the Order; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation

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of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your "obedience" be proved by a close conformity to all our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanor whilst in the Lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to retain respect in your rank in life, be useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have been this day admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on your mind the sacred duties "of truth," "of honor," and "of virtue."

## CHARGE TO THE NEWLY PASSED CANDIDATE.

Brother,—Being advanced to the Second<sup>d</sup> Degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not the external qualifica-

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tions of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties, which, as a Mason, you are now bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience must have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe, that as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as a basis of our art. Geometry or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine or moral nature enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our antient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren, but in the decision of every trespass against our rules judge with candor, admonish with firmness and reprehend with mercy.



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As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master who will guard the landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of the society; and like a skillful Craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit; supply the want and relieve the necessity of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability, and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interests as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

### CHARGE TO THE NEWLY RAISED CANDIDATE.

Brother,—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made, and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your own behaviour, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The antient landmarks of the order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usages.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

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## PRAYERS.

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### INVOCATION—FIRST DEGREE.

Vouchsafe Thine Aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our Masonic art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name.—“So mote it be.”

### INVOCATION—SECOND DEGREE.

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy Glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts.—“So mote it be,”

## INVOCATION—THIRD DEGREE.

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of thy blessing; more especially we beseech Thee, to impart Thy Grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason; endue him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.—“So mote it be.”

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## GRAND HONORS.

The Grand Honors are as follows:

“Nine” for Grand Master and for Past Grand Masters.

“Seven” for the Deputy Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, and Past D.D.G.M. and all other Elected Grand Officers and Elected Past Grand Officers.

“Five” for all appointed Grand Officers and past appointed Grand Officers.

“Three” for all other distinguished brethren

## FORMS

The following forms are prescribed as necessary to be followed:

### FORM 1.

#### PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members  
of.....Lodge, No.....G.R.S.,  
A.F. & A.M.:

I, the undersigned, respectfully represent that I  
am a Mason in good standing, as by the accompanying  
dimit or certificate will appear, and that I now  
desire, if found worthy, to become a member of  
your Lodge and promise to abide by the laws of  
your Lodge and the Regulations of Grand Lodge.

I was born at.....; my age is.....years;  
my occupation is.....; I reside at.....;  
I was.....in.....Lodge, No.....  
Located at.....

I was last (or I am now) a member of.....Lodge  
No....., located at.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....A.L.  
59....., A.D. 19.....

(Name in full).....

We, the undersigned, are personally acquainted with the above named brother and cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for membership in our Lodge.

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In all cases where the Petition for Affiliation is rejected, the Dimit or Certificate of Standing accompanying it must be returned to the Petitioner: if the candidate be elected such Dimit or Certificate of Standing must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary with the next semi-annual returns.

### REPORT.

Having made a strict and careful examination as above required, we deem it our duty to report ..... upon the petition of the above named applicant.

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*Committee.*

Hall of Lodge.....191....

### FORM 2.

#### PETITION FOR INITIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of.....Lodge, No....., G.R.S., A.F. & A.M.:

I, the undersigned, respectfully represent that unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercen-

any motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Antient Free Masonry; that I am prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion preconceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to my fellow creatures; that I am free by birth; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan one year or more, and at the place below named six months or more, next preceding the date hereof; that I have not been rejected by any Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons; and that I promise, if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

I was born at.....; date.....; my age is .....years; I reside at.....; my occupation is.....; I have resided for the year last past at.....; I have.....presented my petition to another Lodge, viz.:

Dated at.....this.....day of.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19.....

(Name in full).....

We are personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integrity, do cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Free Masonry.

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#### REPORT.

Having made a strict and careful examination as above required, we deem it our duty to report

.....upon the petition of the above  
named applicant.

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*Committee.*

Hall of Lodge....., 19....

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### FORM 3.

#### DIMIT.

This is to certify that Bro.....  
a.....Mason who has signed his name in the  
margin hereof, has voluntarily withdrawn from  
membership of.....Lodge No.....  
on the Registry of Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan,  
A.F. & A.M., and that being in good standing his  
resignation was accepted in open Lodge the.....  
day of.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

Given under Seal of this Lodge at....., Sask.,  
this.....day of.....A.D. 191....

[SEAL] W.M.....  
Sec'y.....  
Signature.....

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### FORM 4.

#### RECORDING LODGE MINUTES.

##### REGULAR MEETINGS.

A regular meeting of.....Lodge No.....,  
G. R. S., was held in the Masonic Hall .....on  
.....evening, A.L. 59 , A.D. 19

## PRESENT

W. Bro.....Worshipful Master  
 Bro.....Senior Warden  
 Bro.....Junior Warden  
 Bro.....Treasurer  
 Bro.....Secretary  
 Bro.....Chaplain  
 Bro.....Senior Deacon  
 Bro.....Junior Deacon  
 Bro.....Director of Ceremonies  
 Bro.....Steward  
 Bro.....Steward  
 Bro.....Inner Guard  
 Bro.....Tyler

The names of all members present.

The names of all visiting brethren, their rank, and the name, number and location of the Lodge of which they are or were members.

## OPENING LODGE.

The lodge was opened severally in first, second and third degrees of Masonry (if the W.M. is absent, add by Bro....., the W.M. being absent) at.....p.m.

## MINUTES CONFIRMED.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on.....and emergent meeting held on..... were read and confirmed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS.

The committees on the petitions of W. T. L. and H. E. W. for initiation, and Bros. F. L. P. and A. E. D. for affiliation, reported favorably.



The committee on the petition of L. J. M. reported unfavorably.

The committee on the petition of J. M. D. for initiation made a special report thereon, stating that the petitioner was disqualified on account of insufficient residence, but it could find no other objection to him.

It was moved by Bro. J. G., seconded by Bro. H. S., and adopted,—That the reports of the committees on the petitions of W. T. L., H. E. W., L. J. M. and J. M. D. for initiation, and Bros. F. L. P. and A. E. D. for affiliation be received and adopted.

The W.M. therefore declared L. J. M. a rejected candidate and directed the withdrawal of the petition of J. M. D. for initiation, and instructed the Secretary to notify the brethren accordingly, and return the fee of \$. . . . . accompanying each petition.

### REPORTS, GENERAL.

The committee appointed to take into consideration (*here state the subject*) submitted its report, which was, on motion of Bro. J. M., seconded by Bro. A. P., received and adopted.

### PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION.

The petition of J. M. C. for initiation, recommended by Bros. R. C. B. and S. A. O., and accompanied by the fee, \$. . . . ., was read.

It was moved by Bro. J. S., seconded by Bro. J. M., and adopted,—That the petition of J. M. C. be received, placed on the minutes and referred to a committee.

The petition of M. S. J. for initiation, recommended by Bros. C. P. and J. O. A., and accompanied by the fee of \$....., was read, representing that he had been rejected in.....Lodge, No..... at Toronto, Ont.

It was moved by Bro. M. J., seconded by Bro. J. S. and adopted,—That the petition of M. S. J. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee; and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with.....Lodge, No....., regarding the character and standing of the petitioner; the result of the inquiry to be reported to the proper committee.

#### PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFILIATION.

The petition of Bro. H. D. A. for affiliation, recommended by Bros. S. W. G. and J. G., accompanied by a dimit (or certificate of standing) from.....Lodge, No....., located at.....was read.

It was moved by Bro. D. H. M., seconded by Bro. A. E. M., and adopted,—That the petition of Bro. H. D. A. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS.

The W.M. appointed the following committees to make the necessary inquiries regarding the character and standing of the several petitioners, viz.:

On the petitions of J. M. C. and M. S. J. for initiation, Bros. L. S., T. W. L., and R. W. E. On the petition of Bro. H. D. A., for affiliation, Bros. J. A. P., A. G. A. and A. L. Y.

## APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEES.

The same form, only insert the specific business.

## BALLOT.

The W.M. ordered the ballot to be passed for W. T. L., a candidate for initiation, and being found favorable he was declared elected.

The ballot was passed for H. E. W., a candidate for initiation, and being found unfavorable, the candidate was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to the rejected candidate the fee of \$....., which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. F. L. P., a candidate for affiliation, and being found unfavorable, he was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to Bro. F. L. P. the certificate of standing, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. A. E. D., a candidate for affiliation, and being found favorable, he was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed to forward Bro. A. E. D.'s dimit to the Grand Secretary's office.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were read, viz.:

From the Grand Secretary, dated July 20, 19...., calling the attention of the Lodge to the fact that the returns for the half year ending 24th June, 19...., had not been received, and stating that the provisions of section 111 of the Constitution would be enforced.

The W.M. instructed the Secretary to forward for the half year ending 24th June, 19...., together with all fees and dues required by the Constitution, and at the same time explain that the delay in forwarding same was caused by the unavoidable absence from home of the W.M. and Secretary.

Communications were read from.....Lodge, No. ...., dated....., 19...., notifying this Lodge of the suspension for nonpayment of dues of Bros. E. C., J. H. and W. D. J., and of the rejection of Messrs. M. P. and S. D. N., candidates for initiation, and Bro. J. B., a candidate for affiliation.

The communications were received, and the names ordered to be entered in the historical register.

#### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Bro. H. H. M., seconded by Bro. A. D. M., the following accounts were passed, and warrants for their payment ordered to be issued when duly certified:

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

It was moved by Bro. T. W. L., seconded by Bro. A. A. A., and adopted—That the Secretary be instructed to procure fifty copies of the Constitution, one Secretary's ledger (printed headings), and one historical register book, and that a cheque in favor of the Grand Secretary, for the sum of \$...., be issued for same.

It was moved by Bro. W. M. T., seconded by Bro. H. S. P. and adopted,—That the Secretary be instructed to have suitably bound, volume.... of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by Bro. M. J., seconded by Bro. A. M., That the Secretary be instructed to notify .....Lodge, No....., that this Lodge consents to its receiving and acting upon the petition of W. R., who resides in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, but who was formerly a resident of....., where the said Lodge is located.

The motion was put and declared lost.

A communication was read from Bro. H. J. G., stating that he had received a notice from the Secretary to appear at this meeting, and show cause why he should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues. He expressed his regret that owing to sickness he had been unable to work, and requested the Lodge to grant him an extension of three months.

It was moved by Bro. G. S. W., seconded by Bro. R. A., and adopted,—That Bro. H. J. G. be granted an extension of three months for the payment of his dues.

#### SUSPENSIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES.

The Secretary reported that he had notified Bros. C. A. M., F. W., W. A. C., and H. J. G., by registered letter, to appear at this meeting and show cause why they should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues. Bros. C. A. M., F. W. and W. A. C., not having appeared, and having failed to give a satisfactory reason for their delinquency, the W.M. formally declared them suspended.

#### NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS.

The Secretary reported that Bros. M. A. F., F. H. Y. and P. S. H., were over one year in arrears for dues. The W.M. therefore instructed him to sum-

mon the brethren to appear at the next regular meeting to show cause why they should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Secretary read the names of brethren entitled to hold office and vote in the Lodge (no brother one year or over in arrears being entitled to vote or hold office).

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The W.M. appointed Bros.....to be scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared to be duly elected, namely: (*Here insert the names and offices.*)

### CANDIDATES IN WAITING.

W. T. L. and A. E. Y., candidates for initiation, were reported as in waiting.

Labor was suspended in the third degree and resumed in the first degree at.....p.m.

### OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

Bro. J. E. D. objected to the initiation of A. E. Y., one of the candidates in waiting.

The W.M. appointed W. Bros.....a board of Installed Masters, with power to inquire into the cause of objection, and report at the next regular meeting.

### BOARD OF TRIAL.

The W.M. appointed Bros.....a board of trial to put the necessary questions to W. T. L., a

candidate for initiation. (*If more than one, give names in full, and say "candidates."*)

The board of trial having reported to the W.M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions, and the candidate having been properly prepared, he was (*or they were severally*) initiated into the first degree of Free Masonry.

#### PASSING.

Bros. A. E. M. and W. E. H., candidates for advancement, were examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency and directed to retire.

Labor was suspended in the first degree (*or as the case may be*) and resumed in the second degree at .....p.m.

Bro. G. H. H. objected to the advancement of Bro. A. E. M.

The W.M. directed that the advancement of Bro. A. E. M. be postponed until such time as the charge laid by Bro. G. H. H. be properly dealt with.

No objection being made, Bro. W. E. H., having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (*or they were severally*) passed to the second or Fellow Craft degree.

#### RAISING.

Bro. (*or Bros.*).....a candidate (*or candidates*) for further advancement, was (*or were*) examined in open Lodge as to his (*or their*) proficiency, and directed to retire.

Labor was suspended in the second degree and resumed in the third degree at.....p.m.

No objection being made, and Bro. P. F. having been found well skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason.

#### CALLING FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at.....o'clock.

#### CALLING FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOR.

The Lodge resumed labor at.....o'clock.

The Secretary reported the following receipts since the last regular meeting (including this meeting):

W. T. L., initiation fee, \$.....; W. E. S., dues, \$.....; W. S. S., dues \$.....; A. P., dues \$.....

#### CLOSING THE LODGE.

The rough minutes of the meeting were then submitted for approval and correction.

The Lodge was closed in harmony severally in the third, second and first degrees at.....p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge (*give date*) A. L. 59...., A.D. 19....

.....  
W.M.

.....  
Secretary.

### FORM 5.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

A meeting of.....Lodge, No.....G.R.S., was held in the Masonic Hall.....on.....evening, A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

(*Give names of those present as in Form 4.*)



The Lodge was opened severally in the first, second and third degrees at.....p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting, held on....., so far as the same relates to the election of the W.M. were read and confirmed.

Labor was suspended in the third degree and resumed in the second degree at.....p.m.

Bro....., the Worshipful Master-elect, was then presented to the installing Master, and having answered the necessary questions, and having given his assent to the ancient charges and regulations, he was obligated in due form.

Labor was suspended in the second degree and resumed in the third degree at.....p.m.

The W.M. was proclaimed in the third degree, and saluted by the brethren in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree at.....p.m.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the second time, and was saluted in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the second degree at.....p.m.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the third time, and saluted with the customary honors.

The following elective and appointed officers were then invested (*here insert the names and offices*).

*(Here may follow the appointment of trustees, auditors or committees.)*

The Lodge was closed in the first degree at.....p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge this.....day of  
 .....A.L. 59.....A.D. 19....

.....  
 W.M. Secretary.

### FORM 6.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

.....Lodge, No....., A.F. & A.M.,  
 G.R.S. ....A.L. 59....., A.D. 19...  
 To the Right Worshipful  
 Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of  
 Saskatchewan:

I hereby certify that, at the.....meeting of  
 this Lodge, held on the day above written, the fol-  
 lowing officers were duly elected for the ensuing  
 Masonic year, viz.:

Bro.....Master  
 Bro.....Senior Warden  
 Bro.....Junior Warden  
 Bro.....Treasurer  
 Bro.....Secretary  
 Bro.....Tyler

That, on the.....day of.....A.L., 59....  
 A.D. 19...., the following officers were duly  
 appointed to serve for the ensuing Masonic year,  
 viz.:

Bro.....Chaplain  
 Bro.....Senior Deacon  
 Bro.....Junior Deacon

Bro.....\*Director of Ceremonies

Bro.....\*Organist

Bro.....Inner Guard

Bro.....Steward

Bro.....Steward

And that on the.....day of.....A.L. 59....

A.D. 19...., the said officers, except.....,  
were duly installed and invested by *(here give the  
name and Masonic title of the installing officer)*.

Given under my hand and the seal of  
(Seal) the Lodge on the day last above written.

.....Secretary

\*The Constitution does not make the appointment of  
these officers obligatory, but permits the bylaws of Lodges  
to authorize it.

## FORM 7.

### PROXY.

This is to certify that at a regular meeting of  
.....Lodge, No.....held on the.....  
day of.....A.D. 19....W. Brother.....  
a Past Master of this Lodge was delegated to repre-  
sent the Lodge at the annual communication of  
Grand Lodge, to be held at.....on the.....  
day of.....A.D. 19...., and there to perform  
any and all acts which could be done by the duly  
qualified officers of the Lodge were they personally  
present. The Lodge promising to ratify and con-  
firm all that the said delegate may lawfully do under  
such authority.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Lodge  
at.....this.....day of.....  
A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

.....  
Worshipful Master.

[SEAL]

.....  
Secretary.

### FORM 8.

#### CHARGE FOR IMMORAL CONDUCT.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren  
of.....Lodge, No.....

Brother.....is hereby charged with im-  
moral and unmasonic conduct in the matters fol-  
lowing:

First specification—That the said.....on the  
.....day of....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....  
in the public street, at....., was in a state of  
intoxication in violation of his duty as a Mason,  
and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

Second specification—That the said.....on  
the.....day of....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....  
at said....., and at divers others times  
and places between that time and the date of these  
charges, was intoxicated, although admonished  
therefor by the Master and Wardens of this Lodge,  
in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the  
scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

It is therefore demanded that the said.....  
be tried for the said offences according to Masonic  
law and usage.

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59....,  
A.D. 19....

A new specification should be added for each separate  
statement of facts constituting a Masonic offence. The

specifications should be stated as they are expected to be proved, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, briefly but distinctly. A few forms are given, but it is obviously impossible to prepare a form for each case that may occur; it is hoped, as no technicality is required, the forms given may suggest the form in other cases.

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FORM 9.

## CHARGE FOR SLANDER.

That the said.....did, on the.....day of  
.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., at.....in  
the presence and hearing of.....and others,  
use the following slanderous words of and concern-  
ing (*here insert the name of person of Lodge slandered*), (*then set out the words as near as possible*).

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FORM 10.

## CHARGE FOR CHEATING.

That the said.....on the.....day of  
....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., at.....  
did wrong, cheat and defraud (*here insert the name of the person or Lodge defrauded*), by (*here insert a description of the method of cheating used*).

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FORM 11.CHARGE FOR THREATENING TO INJURE THE LODGE  
BY BLACKBALLING CANDIDATES.

That the said.....on the.....day of  
....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., at.....

did threaten to impede the work of the Lodge by an improper use of the black-ball, in the following language (*here insert the language used as perfectly as possible*).

### FORM 12.

#### NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED WHEN TESTIMONY IS TAKEN IN THE LODGE.

To Bro.....

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of.....Lodge, No....., A.F. & A.M., G. R. S., held at.....on the.....day of.....19....., charges were preferred against you for unmasonic conduct, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, and which said charge or charges were accepted by a majority vote of the Lodge, and you were ordered to be placed on trial.

You are further notified that a meeting of the said Lodge will be held in the.....at the.....of.....on the.....day of.....at.....p.m., for the trial of the said charge (*or charges*).

And you are further notified to appear at said time, in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as your counsel, and make defence to said charge (*or charges*).

Given under my hand and the seal of the said .....Lodge, No....., at.....this.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master,

[Seal]

.....Secretary.

## FORM 13.

## CERTIFICATE OF PERSONAL SERVICE.

I hereby certify that on the.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I gave to the within  
 named..... (or left at the residence of the  
 said.....or with a grown-up member of his  
 family), a notice of which the within is a duplicate,  
 with an attested copy of the charge annexed.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
 ....A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....  
 .....

## FORM 14.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL.

I hereby certify that on the.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I mailed a notice, of  
 which the within is a duplicate, with an attested  
 copy of the charge annexed, to Bro.....at.....  
 in the Province (or District, State or Country), that  
 being his last known post office address, in a register-  
 ed letter, the receipt for which letter from an official  
 or employee of the post office is hereunto annexed.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....  
 .....

## FORM 15.

NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED WHEN TESTIMONY IS  
TAKEN BY A COMMITTEE.

To Bro.....

Take notice that in the matter of the complaint  
 preferred against you in.....Lodge, No....

by Bro....., the Worshipful Master has appointed Bros.....a committee to take the testimony of witnesses, Masons or non-Masons, at which time both the accuser and the accused, in person or by a brother Master Mason, as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present.

Given under my hand and the seal of.....  
Lodge, No....., G.R.S., at.....this.....  
day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master,  
(Seal) }

.....Secretary.

The Secretary should keep a duplicate copy of the notice to the accused, which should be attached to the original complaint and specifications, and upon which he should make a return of the time and manner of service.

### FORM 16.

#### RETURN OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

I certify that on the.....day of.....  
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., (I gave the within-named  
.....in hand) a notice, of which the above  
is a true copy.

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D.  
19....

.....Secretary.

.....Lodge, No.....

In place of the clause in parenthesis may be the following  
as the truth may be.



(I deposited in the post office at..... enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed, and directed as follows (*give the direction on the letter as sent*), "If not called for within ten days, return to....." The postage was paid thereon, and the letter was registered, and has (not) been returned to me.)

The Secretary should send a similar notice to the accused.

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### FORM 17.

#### SUMMONS TO MASON AS WITNESS.

To Bro.....

You are hereby summoned and required to attend an emergent meeting (*or a meeting of the committee*) of.....Lodge, No....., to be held at the Lodge room, on.....the.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at.... o'clock p.m., and there testify what you know relative to a charge preferred by Brother..... against Brother.....

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master,

(Seal)

.....Secretary.

.....Lodge, No.....

The person serving the summons should make upon a copy of it a return of the time and mode of service.

## FORM 18.

## RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS OF WITNESS.

I certify that on the ..... day of .....  
 A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.... I gave to the within-nam-  
 ..... in hand, a summons, of which the  
 above is a true copy.

..... Secretary.

If the service was made in any other mode, as by registered letter, etc., the returns should state the exact mode of service.

Should occasion arise for taking the deposition of a witness the Master should issue a commission to some Master Mason to take such deposition.

## FORM 19.

## COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION.

To.....

You are hereby authorized to take the deposition in writing of..... of what he knows relating to a charge and specifications made to..... Lodge, No....., by Brother..... against Brother....., you will give reasonable notice in writing to both parties, of the time and place appointed by you for taking such deposition; the deponent will testify upon his honor; both parties may be present with their counsel, and put such questions as they may please and are relevant. If any question be proposed to the propriety or relevancy of which objection is made

you will write the question at length as asked; you will then write the objection, after which you will propose the question to the deponent, and write his answer, in the exact words used by him as near as possible. The deposition being completed, you will read the same to the deponent, and after he has signed it, you will securely seal the same, together with this commission and your return of your doings thereon, in an envelope in his presence, and return the same to.....Lodge, No.....

Dated at.....day of....., A.L. 59  
....., A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master,

.....Secretary,

.....Lodge, No.....

[Seal]

### FORM 20.

#### NOTICE TO PARTIES OF TAKING DEPOSITION.

To Brother.....and Brother.....

Take notice that on the.....day of.....  
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at....., in.....at  
.....o'clock in the.....noon, by virtue of a  
commission sent to me from Worshipful Master of  
.....Lodge, No....., I shall take  
the deposition of.....what he knows  
relating to a charge and specifications made to  
.....Lodge, No....., by Brother.....  
against Brother.....

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

.....  
Appointed to take such Deposition.

A return of the service should be made as in other cases.

No particular form is necessary in the deposition, the only object being to give, so far as practicable, the language and manner of the witness. If objection is made to any question as leading or irrelevant, or for any other cause, the question, the objection and the answer should each be written, that the Lodge may judge of the propriety of the question and answer. If any objection is made to the person appointed to take the deposition, or to any other part of the proceedings, it should be made and noted in the return to the commission. The commencement of the deposition may be as follows:

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#### FORM 21.

##### COMMENCEMENT OF DEPOSITION.

I....., of....., on my honor (as a Mason) declare and say, etc., etc.

To be signed by party giving evidence.

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#### FORM 22.

##### RETURN OF COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION.

Pursuant to the annexed commission, on the .....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I notified<sup>d</sup> both the parties, in writing, that on the .....day of.....A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at.....in.....at.....o'clock, in the.....noon I should take the deposition of the said..... and at the same time and place the appended deposition was given, the parties being present and

putting such questions as they pleased. After such deposition had been reduced to writing, it was by me read to said deponent, who afterwards signed the same.

(The accused objected to the caption, because the notice given him was too short to enable him to get his counsel present.)

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59.....,  
A.D. 19.....

Appointed to take such Deposition.

If either party was not present, the return should show who was present and who was absent.

If any other objection is made to the deposition, or any part of it, the person appointed to take it will not attempt to judge of the validity of the objection, but will return it with such facts as may be necessary to the proper understanding of it, to the Lodge for their judgment. He should place the commission, copy of notice to the parties, return of service thereon, and the deposition, in an envelope, securely seal the same, and direct it as follows:

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### FORM 23.

#### DIRECTION ON SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING DEPOSITION AND OTHER PAPERS.

To.....Lodge, No....., of Ancient Free and  
Accepted Masons:

Enclosed is the deposition and accompanying papers of....., taken to be used in the matter of the charge of Brother..... against Brother....., now pending in said Lodge. Taken and sealed up by me, in the

presence of the deponent, this.....day of.....  
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....

Appointed to take such Deposition.

If any papers are produced, they should be marked with letters or numbers, and referred to thereby in the deposition, and then attached to it.

On the day appointed, the W. Master having opened a meeting of the Lodge in the third degree, the complaint specifications, notices to the accused and to the complainant, the answer of the accused, and reply, if any, are read. If any objection exists to the regularity of any of the proceedings, it should then be made, when the Lodge will proceed to determine it. There being none or having been overruled, the evidence is then presented. If any objection is made to any part of the evidence, the Lodge will by vote determine upon it. The evidence having all been presented, the counsel or the parties will be permitted to make such remarks, pertinent to the case, as they may wish, when the parties with their counsel will retire, and the Lodge will then proceed to determine the question of the guilt and the nature of the punishment.

### FORM 24.

#### NOTICE TO COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO TAKE EVIDENCE.

To Brothers.....of.....Lodge, No.  
....., A.F. & A.M.

Take notice that the Worshipful Master of.....  
Lodge, No....., A.F. & A.M., has appointed  
you a committee to take evidence in the matter of  
certain charges preferred in said Lodge, on the  
.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....,  
by Brother.....against Brother.....  
and you are hereby directed to proceed to take all  
the proofs and evidence pertaining to the said  
charges, and to report the same in writing with  
your proceedings, to the said Lodge, with all con-  
venient speed.

Dated.....day of.....A.L. 59.....,  
A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master.  
(Seal.)

.....Secretary.

.....Lodge, No.....

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### FORM 25.

#### RECORD OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MASONIC TRIAL.

A special meeting of.....Lodge No.....  
G.R.S., A.F. & A.M., was held at.....on  
.....the.....day of....., A.L.  
59....., A. D. 19...., at.....o'clock p.m.

Present: W.....Master, etc.

*(The full Christian and surname, with the initials  
at least of all middle names, of all officers and mem-  
bers should appear.)*

The Lodge was opened regularly in the third  
degree of Masonry.

This meeting was called for the special purpose  
of considering the charge and specifications made  
by Brother.....against Brother  
.....

The complaint, specifications, notices, returns,  
answer of the accused, and reply (if any) were read,  
and the committee having reported the evidence,  
it was presented and read to the Lodge, and the  
parties by their counsel, having been heard, then  
retired with their counsel.

The question "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then determined by ballot, each member of the Lodge present voting, and upon examination the vote was declared by the Worshipful Master to stand as follows: For guilty, . . . , for not guilty. . .

A majority having voted not guilty, the Lodge adjudged against conviction.

A majority having voted "guilty," a ballot was taken for indefinite suspension which was carried by a majority, and the W. Master instructed the Secretary to report to Grand Lodge for further action. If not carried, a ballot was then taken for definite suspension and upon examination it was found that a majority was against the same.

Brother . . . . . was then introduced when the W.M. proceeded to administer a reprimand in open Lodge.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in harmony until the next regular meeting.  
 . . . . . Secretary.

Confirmed . . . . ., A.L. 59 . . . ., A.D.  
 19 . . . . . W. Master.

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### FORM 26.

#### RECORD OF EVIDENCE, ETC., BEFORE COMMITTEE.

At a special meeting of the committee of . . . . .  
 . . . . . Lodge, No. . . . ., held at . . . . . on the  
 . . . . . day of . . . . ., A.L. 59 . . . ., A.D.  
 19 . . . ., for the purpose of taking evidence in the



matter of the charges and specifications made by Brother.....against Brother...  
....., the charges and specifications were first read.

The notices to the accused and the accuser to appear before the committee with the returns to the same, were then read as follows: (*Here copy the notices and returns.*)

The answer and reply, if any were read:

Brother.....requested that.....  
not a Mason might be admitted to assist him as his counsel, which was refused by the Lodge, it being contrary to the Constitution to admit as counsel any person not a Mason.

Brother.....then requested Brother.....  
.....to assist him as counsel, who consented to do so.

Brother.....then objected to the second specification as not being sufficiently definite and certain, which was over-ruled by the committee.

Brother.....was then called as a witness by the accuser in support of said charges, and testified as a Master Mason as follows: I reside in....., am a member of.....Lodge, No....., in good standing. I am well acquainted with Brother.....I saw him on.....street, in.....on the.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I was on the opposite side of the street, he appeared to be much intoxicated.

Objection was made to witness testifying as to the appearance of the accused, saying that he should state what the accused did, and how he acted; not

stating his appearance as being, but stating his conclusion from what he saw; but the objection was over-ruled.

I saw him five or ten minutes; he reeled as he walked, etc. (*as the facts may be.*)

On cross-examination he further testified: I knew that Brother.....had been sick for several days. Am a physician; do not think Brother.....'s reeling and staggering while walking was the result of weakness, caused by his sickness. Can conceive of a man being so weak from sickness, long continued, as to reel like a man intoxicated. Am certain this could not have been the case with Brother..... Have none but the kindest feelings towards Brother..... May have said he was drinking too much of late, etc.

Mr.....was then called as a witness by the complainant, and testified on his honor as follows: (*Here give the testimony as in the case of the first witness.*)

On cross-examination Mr.....further testified, etc. (*Here give the cross-examination.*)

The accused then offered the deposition of Brother.....

Objection was further made because the notice given the accused was too short to enable him to get his counsel present, which appearing to be the fact the deposition was rejected.

The evidence on the part of the accuser here closed.

Brother.....on behalf of Brother.....  
.....then offered the affidavit of Mr.....  
to which the accused objected, on the grounds that

Mr.....should be produced for cross-examination, and the affidavit was rejected by the committee.

Mr.....was then called as a witness, and the accused then consented that the affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is annexed, marked (B).

On cross-examination Mr.....further testified, etc.

The evidence was then closed.

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.....

Committee.

These minutes are thus given in a somewhat extended form, because they present a convenient way of calling attention to certain facts and proceedings in the course of a trial. Thus, the statement of objections by either party and the grounds of them, and the decision of the Committee thereon, both of which should always be stated; that a person not a Mason was not permitted to act as counsel; that the accused had or had not counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Master Mason; that the testimony is taken down as near as practicable in the words of the witness, etc.; that an affidavit taken without the knowledge of the other party was not admitted, etc.

## FORM 27.

### NOTICE OF CONVICTION.

To.....

Take notice that a.....meeting of.....  
Lodge, No....., held at.....on the  
.....day of....., A.L. 59....., A.D.  
19....., upon consideration of the charges and speci-

fications made by Brother.....against you, it was adjudged and determined by the Lodge that you are guilty of the offence specified in said charge and specifications and that you be..... (or be suspended) or your expulsion by Grand Lodge recommended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

By order of the Worshipful Master.

(Seal) .....Secretary.  
.....Lodge, No.....

### FORM 28.

#### REPORT TO GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The following are true copies of all the papers and proceedings, in and by.....Lodge, No. ...., in the matter of the charge made by Brother.....against Brother.....

*(Here copy everything.)*

(Seal) .....W. Master.  
Attest: .....Lodge, No.....  
.....Secretary.

## FORM 20.

## RETURN TO GRAND LODGE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

The following are true copies of all the papers and proceedings in and by.....Lodge, No....., in the matter of the charge made by Brother..... against Brother.....  
(*Here copy everything as before.*)

.....W. Master.

(Seal)

Attest:

.....Secretary, Lodge No.....

## FORM 30.

## APPEAL.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned.....hereby appeals to you from the decision of..... Lodge, No....., in the matter of certain charges and specifications preferred in the said Lodge, against the appellant, by Brother....., whereby this appellant was convicted of the said charge and specifications and sentence of suspension or expulsion passed against him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal, namely:

1. That the charges and specifications do not contain any Masonic offence.

2. That the charges and specifications are vague, uncertain and insufficient.

3. That the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the conviction.

4. That the penalty is disproportionate to the offence.

5. That the Lodge erred in refusing to admit the declaration of.....(*Any other special or general grounds of appeal may be stated.*)

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

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### FORM 31.

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To.....Secretary.....Lodge No.....

Take notice that I have taken an appeal from the decision of.....Lodge, No....., in the matter of the charges and specifications made by .....against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, on the.....day of.....A.L. 59....,A.D. 19....

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This notice should be served as other notices, and a return made, which the appellant should submit with the appeal to the Grand Lodge.

The appeal by the complainant, and notice, should be like the above, with the necessary alterations, which can easily be made.

## FORM 32.

## PETITION FOR RESTORATION.

To the W.M., Officers and members of.....  
 Lodge, No....., G.R.S., of Ancient Free  
 and Accepted Masons.

The undersigned.....respectfully represents  
 that he was formerly a member of said Lodge.  
 That on or about the.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., he was tried for un-  
 masonic conduct upon charges preferred against  
 him in said Lodge; that upon due conviction of said  
 charges the said Lodge passed sentence of suspen-  
 sion against him, and he was subsequently expelled  
 by Grand Lodge, which sentence is now in full force  
 and effect.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights  
 and benefits of Masonry, and he hereby solemnly  
 promises upon his honor that, if such restoration  
 shall be granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful  
 obedience to all laws, rules and customs of the  
 fraternity.

Wherefore he respectfully prays the said Lodge  
 to recommend to the Grand Lodge that he be re-  
 stored to his Masonic rights and membership as  
 aforesaid.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated this.....day of....., A.L. 59....,  
 A.D. 19....

Recommended by

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